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The Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotally  
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

c/o Renata B. Hesse  
Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice  
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally:

I am a concerned consumer who believes that the federal government is not looking out for my best interests in supporting the proposed settlement of the government commenced lawsuit against Microsoft.

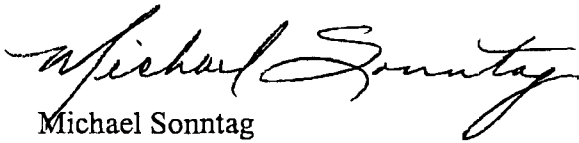
I have been concerned for a long time that Microsoft's actions were not in the best interest of consumers and that its practices were uncompetitive, designed more to monopolize than provide reliable products to the market. My concerns were realized when the Department of Justice was able to prove its antitrust case against Microsoft. Although the Court of Appeals determined that breaking Microsoft up would be too punitive, the Court did uphold the district court's findings that Microsoft violated antitrust laws.

If breaking up Microsoft is too harsh of a remedy, then the proposed settlement is too lenient of a remedy. Some of the proposed settlement provisions do not go far enough and others are either not easily enforceable or are subject to conditions that would allow Microsoft to determine whether and how to comply. For instance, one of the driving issues of the lawsuit dealt with Microsoft's failure to share information with others to allow for the reasonable development of compatible software. The proposed settlement agreement would allow Microsoft to determine whether disclosure should be allowed, based upon Microsoft's determination that disclosure would harm Microsoft's security of software licensing.

Settlement should be allowed only if past violations are cured and future violations are

prevented. The current proposal, in my estimation, does neither and should be rejected.

Your truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Sonntag". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Michael Sonntag".

Michael Sonntag

cc: The Honorable Mark Shurtleff, Utah Attorney General